

May

Magic Lantern Society **NEWS 2013**



Be Sure to LOOK for those Buttons and roll-over effects

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Check Out These Good Old Spring Outings!

**The Evening Ledger
Amusement Section
Saturday
October 30, 1915**

WHEN YOU TALK
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The 2014 Convention

**Boston Massachusetts
July 10-13, 2014**

SAVE THE DATES!

The next International Convention of the Magic Lantern Society of the US & Canada is scheduled for Boston (actually, Brookline) Massachusetts for July 10-13, 2014. A hotel has already been secured for very reasonable rates (more on that to come), a number of venues are being investigated for a public magic lantern event, but most programming will take place in a large, commodious, and welcoming structure...hitherto referred to as "the Barn"...on the property of Convention Chairman, Dick Balzer's, homestead. The Planning Committee is actively seeking suggestions for programs and, as in the past, the sky's the limit! Presentations on any aspect of magic lantern history, showmanship, and related areas are encouraged and welcomed. As at least part of the convention, we're planning an in-depth look at Pre-Cinema, those devices and techniques that led to the development the motion picture and hope to draw upon members and others with expertise in kinetic toys, the panorama, early animation, and...of course...the role of the lantern itself. We'd love to hear from you; please send all suggestions to Chairman Balzer at DickBalzer@gmail.com.

Thanks!

Member Activity

About those promoting information
and knowledge of the lantern

NORTHEASTERN SOCIETY MEETING

MAGIC-LANTERN CONFERENCE! June 1, 2013 East Haddam, CT

*See Shows! Hear Research!
See Unique Exhibit!
Marvel at a Whazzit!*

*Don't miss this opportunity to learn more
about the magic lantern at a nearby,
informal conference.*

You and friends and family are invited to a special meeting of the Northeastern Group of the Magic Lantern Society of the United States and Canada. It will be held on Saturday, June 1 from 10:00 to 4:00 in the meeting hall of The First Church of Christ Congregational, 499 Town St., East Haddam, CT.

Members of the Society attending will be expected to help provide the program -- a mini show, a research report, a new lantern or slide or other whazzit to discuss. Presentations will be 5-15 minutes and very informal. The schedule will be arranged at the meeting when we see what we have before us. A biunial lantern and a keyboard will be available for shows. A market of lanterns and slides will also be available.



Older children are welcome. A pot-luck lunch will be provided by those attending. There will be a charge of \$10 per person to cover the rental of the hall and drinks.

After the meeting all are invited to the Bortons' home about 5 minutes away to hang out on their deck overlooking the river, and visit their collection. Afterwards, anyone still around is invited to join the Bortons at a local restaurant for dinner.

If You Plan to Come:

Please notify Terry or Debbie Borton at dhborton@comcast.net, or 860-345-2574. Let them know (1) how many are coming in your party, (2) what kind of contribution you might make to the agenda, (3) if you will be bringing things for the market, (4) what you can bring for the pot-luck lunch.

Directions & Lodging

East Haddam is on the Connecticut River, catty-corner between New Haven and Hartford, off Exit 7 of Rte. 9, running between I-95 and I-91. The church is a big and beautiful historic structure, standing by itself. "You can't miss it." See the Google Map at maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&tab=wl

There are several B&Bs in town, and lots of motels in Old Saybrook, CT, about 15 minutes away.

See you there!

Member Activity

From Debbie Borton

Just had a good show at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, New Bedford, MA for the opening of the William Bradford exhibit. Bradford, of the Mayflower Bradford line, was an artist of the Arctic, and then became a magic lantern showman traveling with the photos he and members of his staff took on a number of voyages to the Arctic.



Arctic Visions Opening
Over the Top
Members Holiday Party
New Year's Swingin' Eve

Arctic Visions Opening

Friday, April 26 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Museum

Admission to the Museum is free from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
R.S.V.P. by calling (508) 997-0046 ext. 100.

A major new exhibit titled "[Arctic Visions – Away then Floats the Ice-Island](#)" opens to the public with an evening of free activities for the entire family.

Several activities throughout the Museum are scheduled as part of the opening including:

- 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Ice sculpting on the museum plaza by Thomas Brown.
- 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Zaria Forman and Lisa Lebofsky, Artists-in-Residence, at work in the Jacobs Family Gallery.
- 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - Performance art by Drew Denny and Friends on the Lagoda.
- 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Book launch & signing of *The Arctic Regions – Illustrated with Photographs Taken on an Art Expedition*, Bradford's rare 1873 book, now republished and reformatted as a 200-page hardcover, available for \$49.95 (plus tax). Jacobs Family Gallery.
- 6:30 p.m. - Arctic Visions Opening Ceremonies, Jacobs Family Gallery.
- 7:15 p.m. - American Magic Lantern Theater show, Cook Memorial Theater.

From Anton Orlov

Thanks for the e-pub coverage including the LA Times story about my collection.

I was happy to see the story about the tri-color process on page 9 as well. Last summer, when I was traveling in The Photo Palace Bus and visited Buffalo NY, I actually held a few of Gregory Ives' triple positive slides in my hands - it was a truly an awe-inspiring experience. I love history of photography and to have an artifact like that in my hands was just amazing.

I have just received a confirmation for another Lantern Show that I'll be doing in Los Angeles on Sunday April 21st. It will be held at Fiesta Hall in Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA, 90046 and will start at 3pm. The show is free to the audience and I hope to see some Lantern Society members there.

Cheers,

Anton Orlov
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<http://orlovphoto.com>
<http://thephotopalace.blogspot.com>

See next page for poster of the April 21 show

Member Activity

INQUIRY About Dating Slide Mats

From Dan Smith

Long story short. I am a collector of early additive Color Images of which most process come in Lantern Slide formats. I am trying to get an approximate date on a set of Slides I recently acquired to confirm the Process used, and was wondering if you know anyone that could date a slide by the type of Mat used. I have attached a photo of some of the slides showing the Mat used in mounting.

Dan Smith
dan@metricmachine.com
 Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Please share any information
 you have about this inquiry
 also send to
LARRY



MAGIC LANTERN SLIDE SHOW

PRESENTED BY THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD THROUGH ITS ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

WHEN:
 SUNDAY, APRIL 21
 3 P.M.

WHERE:
 Fiesta Hall
 PLUMMER PARK
 7377 SANTA MONICA BLVD



ADMISSION IS FREE



PHOTOGRAPHER ANTOV ORLOV
 WILL PRESENT OVER 800
 ORIGINAL SLIDES FROM THE
 19TH AND EARLY 20TH
 CENTURY, AS WELL AS THE
 HISTORY OF THE MAGIC
 LANTERN AS A MEDIUM. THIS
 UNIQUE COLLECTION
 INCLUDES PICTURES FROM
 RUSSIA, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

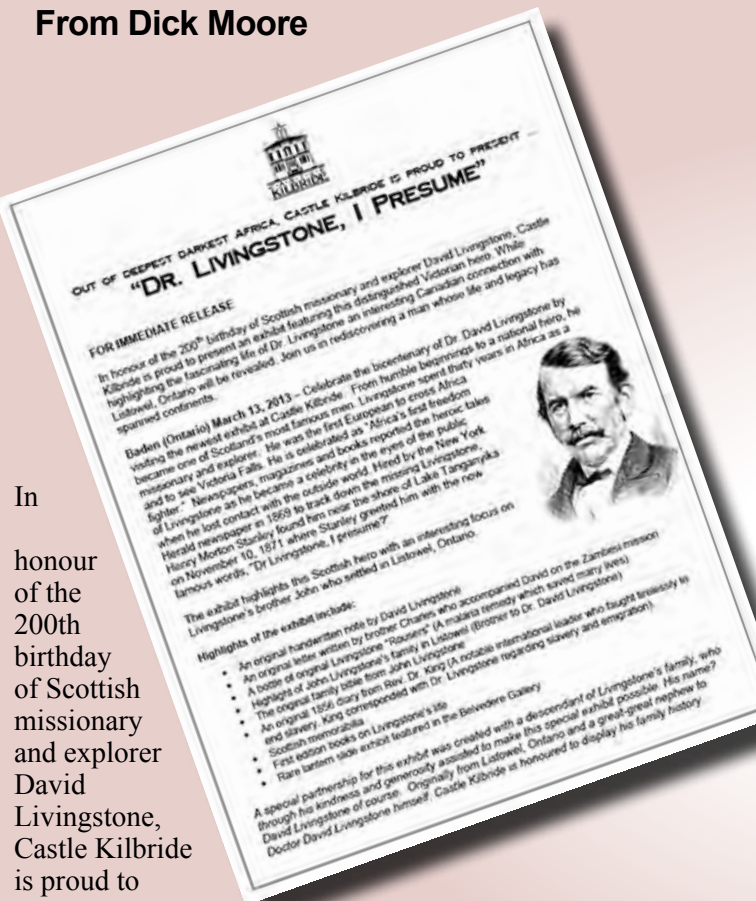


FOR MORE INFORMATION:
WWW.WHO.ORG/ARTS

*Hope members in Los Angeles area
 were able to catch the show.*

Out of deepest darkest Africa, Castle Kilbride is proud to present ... "Dr. Livingstone, I Presume"

From Dick Moore



In honour of the 200th birthday of Scottish missionary and explorer David Livingstone, Castle Kilbride is proud to present an exhibit featuring this distinguished Victorian hero. While highlighting the fascinating life of Dr. Livingstone an interesting Canadian connection with Listowel, Ontario will be revealed. Join us in rediscovering a man whose life and legacy has spanned continents.

Baden (Ontario) March 13, 2013 – Celebrate the bicentenary of Dr. David Livingstone by visiting the newest exhibit at Castle Kilbride. From humble beginnings to a national hero, he became one of Scotland's most famous men. Livingstone spent thirty years in Africa as a missionary and explorer.

Highlights of the exhibit include:

- An original handwritten note by David Livingstone
- An original letter written by brother Charles who accompanied David on the Zambesi mission
- A bottle of original Livingstone "Rousers" (A malaria remedy which saved many lives)
- Highlight of John Livingstone's family in Listowel (Brother to Dr. David Livingstone)
- The original family bible from John Livingstone
- An original 1856 diary from Rev. Dr. King (A notable international leader who fought tirelessly to end slavery. King corresponded with Dr. Livingstone regarding slavery and emigration).
- Scottish memorabilia
- First edition books on Livingstone's life
- Rare lantern slide exhibit featured in the Belvedere Gallery

About Magic Lantern Slides and Livingstone:

Did you know that David Livingstone himself would use a magic lantern to assist with his missionary work in Africa? He found that the colourful slides were an effective form of communication. After Livingstone's death, a set of 40 slides were produced about his remarkable life. View copies of these beautiful slides in our Belvedere Gallery. Kindly loaned from the impressive magic lantern collection of Dick Moore of Connecticut, USA.

About Castle Kilbride:

Step back into the lavish Victorian era and visit the jewel of Wilmot Township. Built in 1877, Castle Kilbride is a restored and furnished 1877 grand Italianate home of James Livingston, Canada's "Flax Mill King." The Livingston family resided at the Castle from 1877 to 1988. In 1993, the Township of Wilmot purchased Castle Kilbride and an extensive restoration and conservation project was underway to bring back the home to its former glory. The home features rare, nationally designated three-dimensional wall and ceiling murals known as, *Trompe l'oeil*, a French term that means "fools your eye" or "trickery of the eye." These magnificent murals reflect the Victorian love of extravagance and variety while providing an interesting illusion of depth. John Livingston, brother to James Livingston (owner of Castle Kilbride) built a home similar to Castle Kilbride in Listowel. Two John Livingston(e)s, both originally from Scotland residing in the same town. One is a brother to our famous Flax & Oil King in Baden, the other a brother to the famous explorer Dr. Livingstone. Coincidence or no? Come and find out!

Touring Information:

Directions:

Castle Kilbride is located at 60 Snyder's Road West in the quaint town of Baden, Ontario. Baden is located 90 minutes south-west of Toronto, on Hwy 7/8 between Kitchener and Stratford. Exit at Road 51/Foundry Street and follow museum signage. Allow 1 hour to tour the home.

Admission (includes HST): Adults - \$6.50, Seniors/Students - \$5.50, Families - \$19. Group rates available for 20+ people. The museum is bus friendly and wheelchair accessible. For more information please visit our website at www.castlekilbride.ca

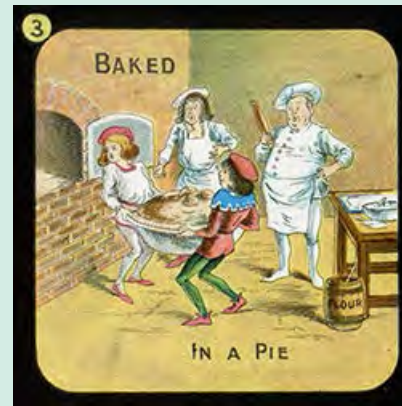




From John Potter

Lantern Slide Set

One of the biggest manufacturers of slide sets was Butcher and Son of London. They produced the Primus slide sets. Slides were usually sold in boxes of eight. The least expensive method to produce these slides was lithography, where transfers were printed and placed on glass. Millions of slides were produced in this manner. Below is the set "Sing A Song Of Sixpence"



Last Month we Looked at a Wall of Keystone Slides



Now Here is a Different Wall

Back in August 30, 2001

DAVIDSON

Davidson College
Davidson, NC

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New Exhibit Features Work By Art Faculty, Cort Savage



Cort Savage - Untitled

Savage, a sculptor, debuted kinetic works which employ eclectic materials and mechanization that create a unique sensory experience for the viewer. He created a very large untitled work that dominates the gallery's largest room. Its walls are composed of lantern slides from the early 20th century that were used in teaching art history. The columns inside the structure slowly twist and turn.



Cort Savage

Professor and Chair of the Art Department

As Seen On



From
Terry Borton

**Presented on eBay as
Ulysses S. Grant and Family**

From the seller: This is a very nice and unusual Ulysses S. Grant with family a 4 X 7 Wooden Magic Lantern Slide.

This image also has a frame on the wall behind the family with one of Grant's famous quotes, He would always said he was looking for people of "honesty, industry, and sobriety."



Who knew Ulysses had such a happy brood?

The slide is not of Ulysses, but is slide # 6, "Happy Home," in The Drunkard's Reform, by Joseph Boggs Beale. It is also used in American Mechanics.

<http://www.ebay.com/itm/1880s-Ulysses-S-Grant-and-Family-Wood-Magic-Lantern-Slide-Very-Uncommon>

ANTIQUE PLANK GERMAN MAGIC LANTERN VIEWER PROJECTOR 12 GLASS SLIDES

Antique plank German magic lantern viewer projector 12 glass slides

This is a rare antique German plank viewer projector in great condition.

This comes with a plank lamp as well!

I have the original box for the slides and accessories as seen in picture.

The viewer comes with the 5 glass slides that are pictured.

You will love using and displaying this 1890's antique piece.

Note unusual use of lantern parts



ANTIQUE PLANK GERMAN MAGIC LANTERN VIEWER PROJECTOR 12 GLASS SLIDES



Price: US \$190.00 [Buy It Now](#)

Shipping: \$41.24 Expedited Shipping
Item location: Lake Odessa, Michigan, United States



*A more accurate description:
One Toy Lantern and parts of another toy lantern*

Very Pricey Slides

Vintage 1948 Magic Lantern Co. Panavue photography slide Antique 35mm

"Very good Condition.
Use pictures to determine."

Price: US \$499.99 Buy It Now

Date of Creation: 1948

Largest Dimension: 2x2

Photo Type: slide

Country of Manufacture: United States

Shhhhhh Please be seated. An unbelievable example of entertainment history! A rare Pana-Vue Slide t-0152 Old Time II 1948 Magic Lantern Co. theater regulation slide for projection on screen. Shipped Fast, Securely, and confidently with tracking and insurance. Don't let this once in a lifetime deal pass you up! Thanks, and stay tuned, more rare photography inspired items coming soon!

Most likely from 120 and 220 film formats
Not 35mm

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Vintage 1948 Magic Lantern Co. Panavue Johnstown Flood slide Antique 35mm

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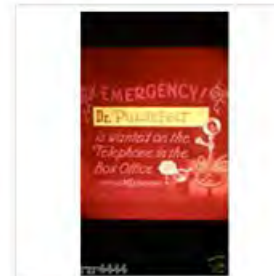
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Vintage 1948 Magic Lantern Co. Panavue EMERGENCY CALL slide Antique 35mm

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See Next Page for Information about Pana-Vue Slides

More on Pana-Vue Slides

After several years the Pana-Vue Ektachromes would badly faded, acquiring a strong reddish hue.



An Ebay listing for Pana-Vue slides with a more realistic price



Vintage Set of 12 Sawyer's Pana-Vue Slides of Great Smokies

All have that old overly red tone to them.
\$4.25

A 1960 Pana-Vue slide catalog lists the Old Time Series of 2x2 1948 Magic Lantern Co slides.



A Big Thank You to the following:

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Dan Smith**

for contributing to this months issue.

Now it's your turn to share!

Do you have a favorite site or a collection of images you would like to share with the rest of the society?
If your answer is yes! Send site information or your images to Larry and they will be shared in the next E-pub newsletter.

E-mail Larry



See the Magic Lantern Gazette for published original research articles.
Current issues published as part of society membership.
All back issues of the Gazette up through 2011 can now be accessed online in PDF format at:

<http://library.sdsu.edu/scua/online-materials/magic-lantern-pub>

Welcome New Members

Donaldson, David

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Australia
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Retired teacher in Communication and
lifelong dabbler in non-theatrical film
distribution

filmart@dodo.com.au

Interests: Slides: 3-1/4x4 Coming
Attractions, Commercial Products, General
Instructional; Literature: Bill Douglas
and film 'Comrades'; Vintage Cinema:
16mm (which is now 25 years ceased in my
estimate).

Plans to give shows with Beseler Slide King.

Member Activity

**On Saturday, April 13
Group NW had**

Display Table to Promote Society
at 33rd annual PSPCS Sale, Swap & Show
Kent Commons, Kent, WA



Photo courtesy of Michael Immel and
the Puget Sound Photographic Collectors Society

Opportunity Next Year at Camera Show

Larry and Group NW of the Magic Lantern
Society US and Canada. Will be PSPCS
guest speaker next year on Friday night of
their 2014 Show.